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1. EMBOFF CALLED ON MFA DIVISION HEAD HAAKON HJELDE TO OBTAIN NORWEGIAN VIEWS ON CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT'S CALL FOR CONSORTIUM APPROACH TO FINANCE PLAN OF ACTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION. HJELDE HIMSELF WILL BE MEMBER OF NORWEGIAN DELEGATION AND HAS BEEN PRINCIPAL OFFICIAL CONCERNED WITH ISSUE HERE IN OSLO. DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY PROFESSOR OLAV GJAEREVOLL, WHO WAS GON'S FIRST ENVIRONMENT MINISTER IN 1973, AND HE WILL BE BACKED UP BY NORWEGIAN EMBASSY IN NAIROBI AND TWO TECHNICAL EXPERTS FROM NORWAY.

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2. NORWEGIAN INTEREST IN ANTIDESERTIFICATION STEMS PRIMARILY FROM RELATIONSHIP OF THIS PROBLEM TO NORWEGIAN DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. HJELDE SAID THAT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF NAIROBI CONFERENCE MAY BEAR HEAVILY ON NORWAY'S FUTURE PLANNING IN THIS AREA.

3. HJELDE TOLD EMBOFF NORWEGIANS SHARE OUR VIEW THAT

CALL FOR CONSORTIUM FINANCING IS PREMATURE. NORWEGIANS SEE VALUE IN AN OPEN DISCUSSION OF ISSUES AND A CONSIDERATION OF OTHER POSSIBLE MECHANISMS FOR FOLLOW-UP ACTION (E.G., WORKING THROUGH EXISTING ORGANIZATIONS). HJELDE STATED HIS DELEGATION LOOKED FORWARD TO WORKING CLOSELY WITH OTHER WESTERN DELEGATIONS TO DEVELOP COMMON APPROACHES TO CONFERENCE ISSUES.

4. WHILE DISCUSSING THE ISSUE OF DESERTS IN GENERAL, HJELDE RAISED THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE INFORMAL QUOTE CLUB DU SAHEL UNQUOTE DONORS TO THE CONFERENCE (HE SAID THAT CONFERENCE DOCUMENTATION IGNORES THIS GROUP). THIS GATHERING OF INTERESTED DONORS COULD PERHAPS FORM THE NUCLEUS OF A CONSORTIUM IF THIS IS THE APPROACH EVENTUALLY AGREED UPON, HE STATED. WHEN ASKED FOR HIS PROGNOSIS ON CONFERENCE, HJELDE SPECULATED THAT PLAN OF ACTION WOULD BE ADOPTED, BUT THAT FINANCIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS MIGHT NOT BE FINALIZED UNTIL UPCOMING UNGA SESSION. LERNER

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